GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RENOVATION OF OPERATION THEATRE OF AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation theatre in which experiments on monkeys are carried out at the AIIMS has been under renovation for over three months;

(b) if so, whether animal house invasive procedures like hysterectomy and laparactomy on experimental monkeys have been carried out in a secluded non-sterile animal room without the presence of veterinary doctor;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when renovation of operation theatre is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have three posts of Veterinary Doctors including one created recently. One Veterinarian has superannuated on 31.10.2002. One person thus, is in position, Invasive, operative and postoperative procedures on moneys are being performed by persons duly qualified. Treatment/procedures is being done as per rule 9 (a) of the Breeding of and Experiments of Animals (Control and Supervision) Rules, 1998.Action has been initiated to fill vacant posts of Veterinarian. The renovation work is expected to be completed within one month.